

{ Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 33, with the following rewritten paragraph: }

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cont.  
--In one embodiment, the cDNA sequence of HDGF2 was obtained as follows: human testis  $\lambda$ gt 11 cDNA library (Clontech) was used as a template and PCR was carried out with the synthetic forward primer A1 :5'-ACCGCTCGTC CGCCCGGCTT GAG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1) and reverse primer B :5'-GATCCTAGAC ATGTATAAGT CTGCGC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2). Target fragments of 1024bp were obtained. The sequencing of the PCR product gave the full length cDNA sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 3.--

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